

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A printing press dryer having an excimer radiant heater adapted for high energy output and compact mounting within the printing press. The heater includes a housing (1) within which a plurality of radiant tubes (2,3) are arranged in parallel relation to each other, and the radiant tubes (2,2) each have a respective adjacent reflector section (4,5) for directing a predetermined radiation distribution on passing printed sheet material.